



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

February 14, 2022
10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center
222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

AGENDA

To comply with the request set forth by the Chairman of Dougherty County, GA and the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and social distancing, face coverings (masks) are required for all meeting participants.

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1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action a Resolution providing for a request to the Georgia General Assembly to enact Local Legislation authorizing Dougherty County to adopt a Hotel/Motel Excise Tax in the amount of eight percent (8%) in the unincorporated section of Dougherty County, Georgia. **ACTION:**
4. Adjourn.

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-431-2121 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA REQUESTING THE 2022 SESSION OF THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LOCAL LEGISLATION FOR DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX UNDER O.C.G.A. §48-13-51(B); TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing body of Dougherty County, Georgia is the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly adopted legislation enabling municipalities and counties to either adopt or increase their Hotel/Motel tax up to eight percent (8%), subject to approval of the General Assembly and subject to spending restrictions identified in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) and O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b); and,

WHEREAS, Dougherty County desires to adopt a Hotel/Motel tax of eight percent (8%) as applied to the unincorporated area of Dougherty County; and

WHEREAS, such tax would benefit Dougherty County by providing additional revenues for the promotion of tourism, conventions, and tradeshow, and tourism product development in Dougherty County; and

WHEREASE, O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b) provides that counties wishing to either adopt or increase such tax must adopt a resolution which specifies the subsequent tax rate, identifies the projects or tourism product development purposes, and specifies the allocation of proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County hereby requests that the legislative delegation of Dougherty County, Georgia sponsor and introduce a local legislative act before the 2022 Session of the Georgia General Assembly authorizing Dougherty County to adopt a Hotel/Motel Excise Tax within the territorial limits of the unincorporated area of Dougherty County of up to eight percent (8%) authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dougherty County intends to use the proceeds of such tax for any legal purposes, to include specifically, but not necessarily limited to, promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by a qualified destination marketing organization designated by Dougherty County, and as defined by O.C.G.A. §48-13-50.2(1), for such purpose;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an amount equal to the amount of total taxes collected which would have been collected at a rate of 5 percent shall be expended in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) by a private sector non-profit organization or other entity specified in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3);

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT an amount equal to not les than 50 percent of the total amount of taxes collected that exceed the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent shall be expended for promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows by a private sector non-profit organization designated as the destination marketing organization for Dougherty County, as defined by O.C.G.A. § 48-13-50.2(1), and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b)(5)(A);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any remaining amount of taxes collected that exceed the amount of taxes that would be collected at the rate of 5 percent which are not otherwise expended for promoting tourism, conventions, and tradeshows by the destination marketing organization shall be expended for tourism product development, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-50.2(6), and in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(b)(5)(B).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any and all resolutions, or any part thereof, in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. This resolution shall be effective upon the signature of the Governor of the State of Georgia.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, this the 14th day of February, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY:-----
Christopher S. Cohilas

ATTEST:

County Clerk